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Faith observed



Joanna Orbase, 20, junior health science major, receives ashes from Rev. Juanita Cordero of the Magdala Catholic Community during Ash Wednesday services at the Spartan Memorial. **Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily**

Final AS orientation acclimates candidates

by **Christian Gin**
Staff Writer

Associated Students held its final candidate orientation for students interested in joining the organization on Tuesday in Clark Hall.

A.S. Director Cheryl Vargas said attendees needed to see everything that would happen for what A.S. envisions.

“Students need to have (our) full picture in mind,” Vargas said. “There should be no surprises if they’re elected and they’ll know exactly what will come.”

A.S.’s goals are to provide services and activities that enhance the opportunity to meet, recreate and maximize student life, according to its website.

Vargas said one of the roles that the A.S. board will play is passing a budget for the upcoming academic year.

“This is the one time for students to voice themselves on SJSU,” she said. “The A.S. serves as the student voice on campus for university decisions.”

Re’Vonna Matthews, a student election board consultant, said any students who wanted to run for a position with A.S. needed to attend one of the three orientations.

Matthews explained how the students need to know what lies ahead of them and what level of commitment it will take when someone is elected.

“We needed to inform those who are interested in running,” she said. “We want to tell them the expectations that A.S. has in its leaders.”

Desne James, chief of students elections commissions, said there were 37 people combined who attended all three orientations.

James said the applicants are applying for 16 different positions in the A.S. board.

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Self-defense class preps for safety

by **Nina Tabios**
Staff Writer

Pink boxing gloves litter the gymnasium floor as students slip off their shoes and step on the mat, waiting for the instructor to pick a song to play for the first kickboxing workout of the evening.

“Alright ladies, I can tell you all had a good weekend, but it’s time to get back to work,” said Arash Dibazar, IMC Academy instructor and founder.

IMC Academy, located off of Lincoln and Curtner Avenue, is a martial arts school that offers a variety of martial arts classes for adults and kids, but is mostly popular for its women’s classes.

These classes include yoga, pilates and fitness, as well as co-ed classes for kickboxing, Tae Kwon Do and Panjo, a class specially designed by Dibazar that focuses on self-defense “in its raw form,” as stated on the academy’s website.

Written on the wall of the gymnasium is “It’s all in the state of mind,” reflecting Dibazar’s approach on self-defense.

“You can have a gun, you can have a sword, but if you don’t have the confidence to use it, to defend yourself,” Dibazar said. “It doesn’t matter what weapon you have.”

“It’s about feeling good, and empowering women to feel confident and sexy, while integrating the idea that as women, we have to defend ourselves,” said Tracey Quesenberry, senior nutritional science major, who has been attending IMC Academy for two years.

According to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN.org), women on college campuses are four times more likely to be raped than girls and women in different stages of life.

The website also reports that one in every six American women has

been a victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.

Gong Chen, instructor for the Basic Self-Defense class on campus, says that self-defense should be integrated into students’ curriculum.

“Self-defense should be part of your life and part of your education,” Chen said. “It’s not something you can learn in a couple hours. It’s a science.”

Chen’s self-defense class focuses on the skill in two perspectives: physical and mental skills, according to the class syllabus.

The syllabus lists physical skill sets involving Thai boxing, close self-defense, floor defense, grabs and throws and stick, gun and knife attacks.

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Student Union opening pushed back due to gushing predicament

by **Eddie Fernandez**
Staff Writer

SJSU’s Student Union expansion and renovation is two months behind its original schedule because of a 45-50 foot deep aquifer underneath the ground of the west side.

The Student Union is currently scheduled to be complete by March 2014 according to Cathy Busalacchi, executive director of Student Union Inc.

A service elevator was being created to allow workers access up and down the work site.

“When we were drilling on the left side it actually, the aquifer, the water came up,” Busalacchi said. “They had to plug it up two or three times and then we decided to go another route for a different type of elevator.”

She added that they decided to go a another route for a different type of elevator so they didn’t have to go all the way down.

“What would happen was after a few days was water would start to seep up and then it actually started to bubble up to where we were pulling several hundreds of gallons of water a minute out,” Busalacchi said.

In early February, Geo Grout Inc, experts in working with erosion and underground water, pumped the water down at a high velocity, when the water went out, pumped-in material expanded and hardened immediately, according to Trevor Wiley, assistant super attendant, of Lathrop Construction.

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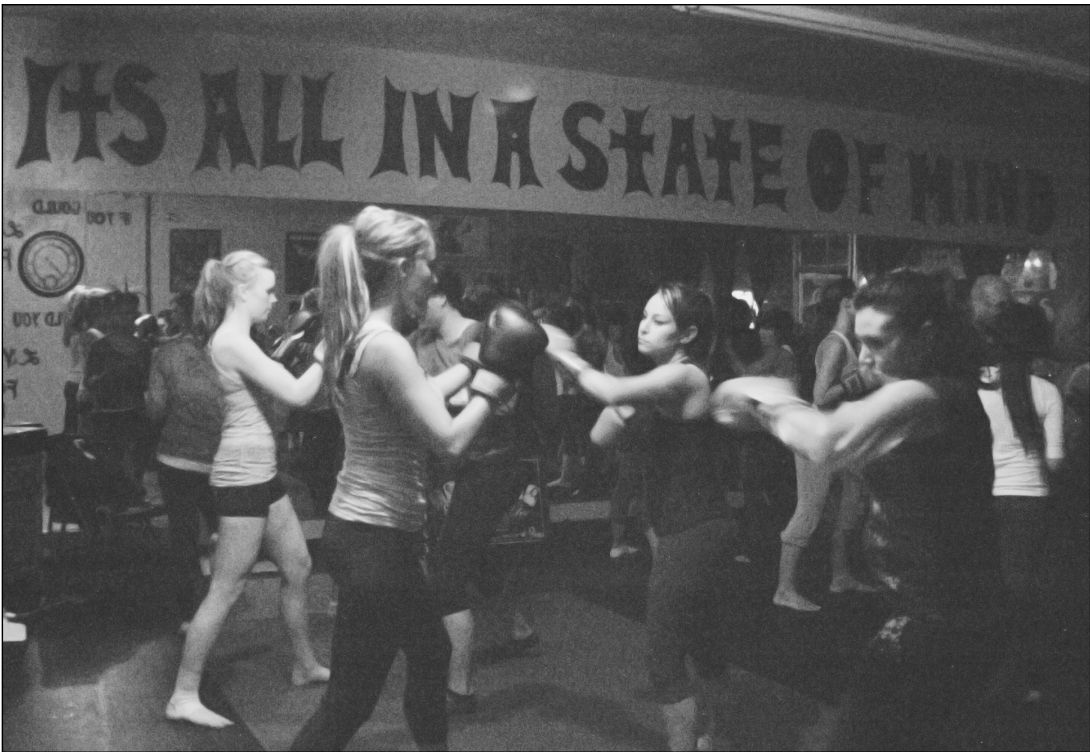
Construction continues on the Student Union, which is two months behind schedule due to an aquifer underneath the west side of the building. Completion of the Student Union is now expected by March 2014. **Photo by Dorian Silva / Spartan Daily.**

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IMC Academy participants engage in a boxing workout class Wednesday evening. The women's self-defense class is the most popular workout at the gym. **Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily**

DEFENSE: Women fighting back

FROM PAGE 1

The mental skills, Chen said, feature understanding criminals and crimes, prevention, life-threatening factors, legal rights and the rational of self-defense.

“Crime is real, it’s a part of society,” Chen said. “The reality is that every person has an equal chance of being a victim.”

Two of Chen’s students, senior kinesiology majors Whitney Harmonson and Michelle Nunez, said knowing even a few simple moves makes them feel a little safer while on campus, especially at night.

“There have been a lot of incidents on campus, and it

gives you peace of mind knowing you can defend yourself,” Harmonson said.

In both Chen and Dibazar’s classes, mentality plays a huge part in learning how to protect yourself, which is why Dibazar’s main focus is on building confidence for his students.

“When you look at a psychology of a criminal, you notice that they prey on victims,” Dibazar said. “By people feeling better about themselves, more confident, like they’re actually worth it — all of that transfers to self-defense.”

Dibazar said self-defense is like, “an instruction to the book of life.”

“We have these bodies that can be damaged and hurt, and here are some laws and rules to protect them,” he said.

Chen also gives lectures on campus to promote self-defense to fraternities and sororities, in the dormitories as well as for faculty and staff.

He said he is the only instructor in the U.S. with a doctorate in self-defense and headlines the campaign to promote self-defense into the curriculum for middle and high schools in California.

“It doesn’t help you get money or get a job or get a house or car — it protects your life,” Chen said. “Without your life, you don’t have anything.”

ORIENTATION: Qualifications for open positions explained

FROM PAGE 1

“The race for the office positions in A.S. will be competitive,” James said. “The large amount of competition will make things interesting down the stretch.”

Matthews said students need to meet several requirements needed in order to qualify for running.

“Students who want to run need to take at least six units during their tenure,” Matthews said. “It is also required for a student to maintain a 2.0 grade point average while serving.”

In the future, Matthews said SJSU could possibly raise the minimum GPA for an officer to 2.5.

Drew Warmsley, another student election board consultant, said students would also need to make sure they’re not on academic prohibition.

Matthews said students need to read through their entire orientation packet to get a sense of what it’s like to serve in the for which position they are running.

Warmsley said these orientations are effective ways for students to get a better understanding of what to expect.

“Leadership is what A.S. is about,” Warmsley said. “Students need to have their voices heard on issues, and it’s important to tell them about what they can do for the school by being part of A.S.”

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The positions from the A.S. board are about being directors of specific departments

varying in different affairs from faculty to student resources, according to its website.

Matthews said there are more than 200 employees in A.S. and 40 of them are full time while the rest are students.

Paul Landon, a sophomore environmental studies major, said he found this process of applying for a position in A.S. long but informative.

“It’s a complicated journey,” he said. “It will be easier to see how student services are done by being part of A.S.”

Warmsley said students who want to run for a position must turn in their application by March 1 and start campaigning throughout the rest of the month.

Students will vote for their officers from April 10-12, Matthews said.

He said any full-time student who regularly pays his or her tuition fees has the right to vote.

“It will be nice to see who steps up in leadership,” she said. “They will represent the student body with big decisions ahead.”

ON THIS DAY IN 1984

THE SPARTAN DAILY REPORTED...

Above: SJSU center Rhoda Chew pulls down a rebound against UOP. **Photo by Ron Fried / Spartan Daily**

City Council ratifies parking plan: The San Jose City Council approves an ordinance requiring new developers on the downtown area to provide parking for their buildings or pay a hefty fine.

Spartan women eek by Santa Clara 73-72: The SJSU women’s basketball team ends a five-game losing streak with a narrow victory over Santa Clara 73-72.

U.S.S.R.’s policies discussed: SJSU history professor Michael Ball talks about Soviet politics and the appointment of a new Soviet general secretary — Konstantin Chernenko. Ball predicts no change in chilly U.S.-Soviet relations unless a Democrat is elected to succeed Ronald Reagan.

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CAMPUS IMAGE



Spartan Shops employees prepare chicken, pork and tofu sandwiches during the “Street Eats” promotion in front of Clark Hall on Wednesday. Street Eats is a new initiative by Spartan Shops to bring street food style cuisine to the SJSU campus, with a different location and menu item each week. **Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily**

DELAY: March 2014 unveiling

FROM PAGE 1

He adds that the company has been doing this, pushing grout through different openings for a week and as of last week the water stopped.

The west side could not continue construction until the underground was done, according to Wiley.

Funding

Olena Belash, a sophomore kinesiology major, was unaware that the expansion and renovation was approximately \$89 million with an increase from student fees.

The exact fee is \$316 per semester, which began being collected in the 2011-12 academic year, which includes money for Student Union facilities and is determined by the consumer price index, according to Busalacchi.

She added that there is no state support.

The consumer price index program produces monthly data on changes in the prices paid by urban consumers for a representative basket of goods and services, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website.

“The fact that it’s \$89 million is ridiculous already. I wish those \$89 million would go somewhere more, I don’t know, efficient,” Belash said. “I mean the Student Union is important, but then at the same time do we really need all that

super fancy stuff that their trying to do?”

According to Belash, she would rather have lower fees than a renovated Student Union and she personally didn’t know where those increased student fees were going.

According to Busalacchi, the project’s budget, total hard

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-Olena Belash, kinesiology major

and soft cost, is approximately \$89 million.

SJSU will go out looking for donors and look at potential options, maybe naming rights, naming opportunities for rooms, etc., according to Buslacchi.

“We’ve been collecting student fees to help but that’s kind

of how we pay for Student Union facilities as well as the Event Center and rec center... as well as monies we generate through revenue like concerts, conference facilities, things of that nature,” Busalacchi said.

The New Student Union

“It looks like a green building kind of in a sense that it has a bunch of windows to let the light in and I mean I like that aspect of it,” said Jonathan Ratsch, a freshman electrical engineering major.

According to Busalacchi, SJSU is reviewing the Aquatic Center with the campus master plan architect, to look at what point they should begin renovations.

“It’s almost a 24-year-old building, it’s never been re-plastered so the pool has work that needs to be done to it,” Busalacchi said. “There’s newer equipment out there that is much more efficient and effective to operate so we’re looking at a variety of things dealing with the pool.”

According to Busalacchi, the process is still in the planning stages, instead of having one large pool, they hope to create two separate pools — one pool to be truly a recreational pool with the design that would resemble the shape of the spartan head.

She adds that the other pool would be a competitive pool, where athletic teams could do polo, diving, swimming and where other teams could come to practice.



An unidentified construction worker is harnessed to a steel beam while he measures for the project. Photo by Dorian Silva / Spartan Daily

Keeping Mother Nature in Mind

“Bottom line we’re looking at LEED certification for this building and we’ve pretty much have gold certification right now and we’re a few points away from platinum, but that’s pretty difficult,” Busalacchi said. “I don’t know whats going to happen with that.”

According to its website, LEED, which was developed in 1998 by the U.S. Green Building Council, is recognized internationally for its certification system that measures a building’s environmental sustainability.

In addition, the construction company Lathrop Construction Associates Inc.

has to log-in everything that comes in. Next, they have to report what their working with, exactly what they have and how much, then they report with lead consultant Brightworks and with SJSU for a LEED score card, according to Wiley.

The construction company analyzes the materials using their tracking system, according to Wiley.

Construction Safety Concerns

Adi Velazquez, a freshman French major, said the construction affects her every day as she passes through campus.

“It kind of sucks having all the people there, its really crowded, but the

noise doesn’t bother much personally,” Velazquez said. “If your in a hurry to get somewhere, I tend to personally avoid that area.”

According to Wiley, Lathrop Construction sets up barricades for student safety, cautioning off delivery trucks and flagging them when they come in with material.

Jay Manalo, a junior kinesiology major, said the construction hasn’t affected him and rather enjoys the walkways.

“To be honest, I kind of enjoy that, I like seeing people, I like people watching,” he said. “The only down side to having this thing around is it just takes longer to get to places on campus.”

GOP debate sets table for Tuesday

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

MESA, Ariz. — Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum clashed over which of them is the true conservative steward of taxpayers’ money as they grappled for advantage Wednesday night in a two-man grudge match heading toward critical votes in Arizona and Michigan on Tuesday.

In a nationally televised debate on CNN, each Republican presidential candidate cast himself as someone who would cut spending and slash a bloated federal government. Each also accused the other of a record of wasteful spending in the past.

Santorum, a U.S. senator from Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2007, frequently was put on the defensive about his voting

record. He took fire for seeking earmarks, or local projects that congressional lawmakers insert into spending bills.

Santorum gave a lengthy, sometimes confusing explanation. He talked about “good earmarks and bad earmarks,” and said some projects were much needed in his state. And he noted that when Romney was rescuing the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, he sought earmarks to help finance the event.

Romney fired back: “While I was fighting to save the Olympics, you were fighting to save the Bridge to Nowhere,” he said, a reference to a controversial Alaska bridge funded by an earmark that Santorum voted for.

Rep. Ron Paul of Texas jumped in as well, slamming Santorum for calling himself a fiscal conservative. “He’s a

fake,” Paul said, citing Santorum’s vote for the No Child Left Behind education act and now campaigning to repeal it.

It was the last debate — and last chance to shake up the race — before Tuesday’s primaries in Arizona and Michigan and then in 10 states on March 6, “Super Tuesday.”

Romney is locked in a neck-and-neck contest with Santorum in Michigan, with Santorum supported by 33.8 percent of likely voters and Romney supported by 33 percent, according to an average of public polls compiled by realclearpolitics.com.

A loss in Michigan would be embarrassing at the least for Romney, whose late father headed a Detroit-based auto company and was a popular Michigan governor in the 1960s.

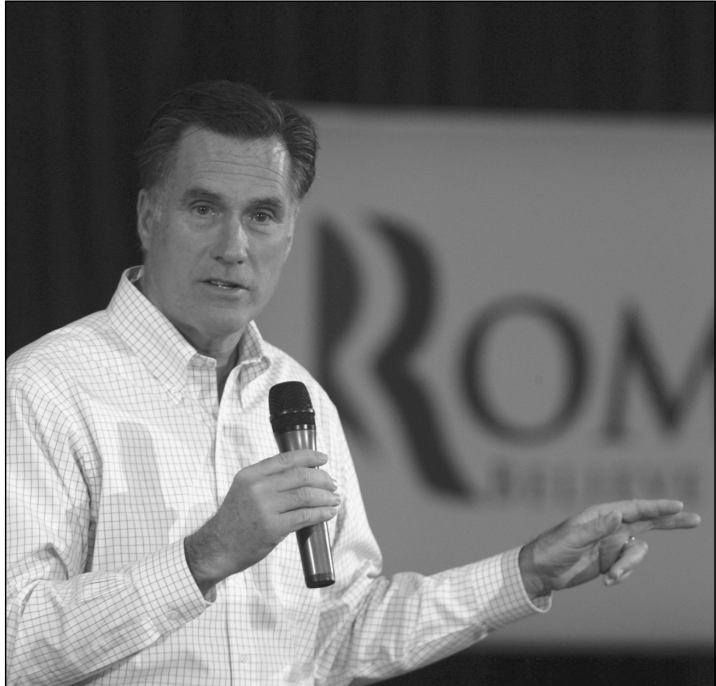
Romney, governor of Massachusetts from 2003 to 2007, leads Santorum in Arizona by an average of 8 percentage points in polls.

Santorum tore into Romney for supporting Wall Street bailouts in 2008, but opposing aid to the auto industry.

“That to me is not a consistent, principled position,” Santorum said.

“Nice try,” Romney fired back, “now lets look at the

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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks during a town hall meeting at Eagle Manufacturing in Shelby Township, Michigan, on Tuesday. Photo courtesy of Andre J. Jackson / MCT

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 22 issue of the Spartan Daily, three different cutlines had separate problems. In the photo for the article titled “Ashes distributed on campus,” Amy Huttlinger was incorrectly labeled as Susie Redman. The photo for the article titled “On-campus organizations tackle school pride,” was taken by Brian O’Malley, not Vernon McKnight. Finally, the photo of the band Megadeth in the article titled “Megadeth and Motorhead to shred axes on campus Thursday,” incorrectly labeled the band as Motorhead and is not from imotorhead.com. It is courtesy of megadeth.com. The Spartan Daily regrets the errors.

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■ COMMENTARY

UFC 144 preview: Expect upset victory for Benson Henderson



Benson “Smooth” Henderson hits Anthony “Showtime” Pettis with a leg kick during a bout in 2010. Photo courtesy of brawlin.net

by Wesley Dugle
Opinion Editor

The Ultimate Fighting Championship will make its long-awaited return to the land of the rising sun this Saturday at the Saitama Super Arena in Japan for UFC 144. Fans will be in for a treat with a full night of high-profile exciting fights, including a duel between heavyweights Mark Hunt and Cheick Kongo and a light heavyweight bout between Quinton “Rampage” Jackson and Ryan “Darth” Bader.

However, the main event will feature the biggest fight of them all when lightweight champion Frankie “The Answer” Edgar takes on challenger Benson “Smooth” Henderson.

Edgar is coming off a great come-from-behind knockout of Gray “The Bully” Maynard at UFC 136 to retain his belt, and Henderson is currently riding a three fight win-streak with his last win coming against lightweight contender Clay Guida at UFC last November.

Both fighters bring a varying degree of skills to the table that will play a huge part in determining who wins.

Edgar brings both powerful wrestling and striking along with his indomitable will and heart as evidenced by his come-from-behind win against Maynard.

Henderson, meanwhile, brings his own relentless energy and powerful ground and pound skill to the table.

Henderson, a former World Extreme Cage-fighting lightweight champion, is a stylistic nightmare for most lightweights.

His size, speed and strength play a huge part in his ability to dominate opponents and his ground skills are among the best in the lightweight division.

Henderson is also fairly big for a lightweight, who stands in at 5-feet-9-inches, and it presents a match up nightmare for the smaller, 5-foot-6-inch Edgar.

Of his 15 career wins, Henderson has won eight of them by way of submission.

Edgar is known for his great takedown and wrestling skills, but he only has three submission victories in his 14 career wins.

In fact, eight of Edgar’s wins are by decision.

I’m sure Edgar’s wrestling can tango with Henderson’s own wrestling and jiu-jitsu, but Henderson’s strength and size will be tough to out-match on the ground.

Edgar does have an advantage in the stand-up, however, with great boxing skills that he can utilize to beat Henderson.

While “Smooth” is no slouch in striking either, he only has three knockout or technical knockout wins in his career, and he may want

“Both fighters bring a varying degree of skills to the table that will play a huge part in determining who wins.”

to avoid standing and trading with Edgar.

Edgar’s chin is among the best in the UFC, and even if Henderson tags him a few times, it may be hard to stop “The Answer.”

Of Edgar’s 11 UFC fights, he has out-struck 10 of those opponents despite his size disadvantage.

So even with Henderson’s size, Edgar may still be able to out-duel him in the striking.

It’s a tough call when it comes down to predicting this fight and hard to bet against either fighter, but I’m going to go with the upset here and say Henderson beats Edgar to get the lightweight championship.

I see the fight playing out with Henderson utilizing his strength and size to put Edgar on the mat and possibly grind out a submission most likely by “Smooth’s” favorite move, the guillotine choke.

Edgar should never be counted out of course, but I like Henderson in this battle of epic lightweights.

In either case both fighters always bring it when they step inside the octagon and the fans in Japan, as well as around the world, will likely be treated to a great fight between these two awesome fighters.



Spartans hold on to defeat Wolf Pack

Johnson’s 23
points leads
SJSU to victory

by Nick Celario
Sports Editor

During the final minutes of the game, the SJSU women’s basketball team watched its double-digit lead dwindle down to one point.

But the Spartans persevered and converted key free throws late in the game to defeat the Nevada Wolf Pack 70-63 Wednesday night.

SJSU senior forward Brittany Johnson said winning close games plays an important role in where the teams will be ranked for the conference tournament and winning against Nevada in that fashion was a big deal.

“We’re trying to get a good spot going into the WAC tournament,” Johnson said.

This was the fifth consecutive game in which SJSU had a double-digit lead in the second half and the game was decided in the final minutes.

“The team was really hungry to get a win after losing two tough ones on the road,” said head coach Tim La Kose. “It’s good to get back home and put one away.”

Despite a slow start, the Spartans’ offense played effectively late in the first half and for most of the second half, leading by as much as 15 at one point during the game.

“In the beginning, we weren’t as focused as we needed to be,” said SJSU senior center Myesha Broaden. “As the game progressed, we started to focus in to find our strengths and see their weaknesses.”

However, as the rest of the game played on, Nevada slowly clawed its way back.

Nevada junior guard Channele Brennan led the way for the Wolf Pack, scoring all 17 of her points in the second half.

“We knew we weren’t playing to our potential and we knew we had to step it up,” Johnson said.

As the game winded down, the Wolf Pack went shot-for-shot with the Spartans.

Nevada senior guard Kate Kevorken hit a three-pointer with a little more than one minute left in the game to bring her team to within one point.

Kevorken recorded 20 points



SJSU senior Myesha Broaden drives to the basket during the Spartans’ 70-63 victory on Wednesday night. Broaden finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Photo by Derik Irvin / Spartan Daily

and 11 rebounds in the game.

But as time was running down and Nevada was forced to foul to keep time on the clock, free throws were made by Johnson and SJSU freshman guard Ta’Rea Cunnigan to sustain the Spartans’ slim lead and eventually win the game.

Broaden recorded her third double-double performance in the last four games with 13 points and 13 rebounds, as well as four blocks.

More importantly, Broaden contained one of Nevada’s key weapons in senior forward Kayla Williams, holding her to just eight points the entire game.

“I knew it was my job to really just shut her down,” Broaden said. “I wanted to focus on keeping her off the boards and not let her score.”

Johnson led SJSU in scoring with 23 points and added six rebounds and three assists.

Cunnigan totaled 15 points, three assists and three steals.

“I tell the team to keep doing what’s gotten us those leads and don’t go away from that,” La Kose said. “They did a better job of that (this game) and got the result we wanted.”

The team now looks forward to its last home game of the season this Saturday against Fresno State.

The last home game is also Senior Night for the women’s team and La Kose, aside from hoping to win the game, wants the night to properly honor his four starting seniors.

“(They’ve) really dedicated themselves to turning this program around and making their last year their best year,” La Kose said. “We want to have them go out on a high note.”

SJSU BY THE NUMBERS

- 30**
30 of the the Spartans' 70 points were in the paint.
- 23**
Brittany Johnson led SJSU in scoring with 23 points.
- 13**
Myesha Broaden had 13 points and 13 rebounds on Wednesday night.
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Wednesday night's victory over Nevada was SJSU's fifth WAC win.

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Professional attitude, looks demonstrated

Interviewing skills, fashion show event held at Student Union

by Christian Gin
Staff Writer

SJSU’s Career Center hosted a live interview demonstration and business fashion show in the student ballroom Wednesday afternoon.

The purpose of the live interview demonstration & business fashion show was to give students tips and pointers on how someone should approach a job interview and how to look proper, according to director and employment specialist Doug Evans.

“This event gives an important insider’s look before actually being interview,” Evans said. “Professionals can rate the examples that were shown live on stage.”

Three organizations volunteered and took part in this event.

The Latino Business Student Association, the SJSU Financial Management Association and the SJSU Marketing Association had representatives who participated in the fashion show and supported the event.

There were eight questions used that are commonly asked when someone is interviewed for a job, said Evans.

“These types of questions were for any major,” he said. “They are universal for anyone who will be interviewed for a job by a big corporation.”

Some of them were general, such as “Why should I hire you?” or “Tell me about yourself.”

Evans said he and his team began planning this event more than three months ago.

The students got to see two different interviews and see how a response would be with the two actors.

The actors provided a few correct and incorrect things to do on how to answer questions from the interviewer.

Three employer experts were part of a panel to witness and critique the responses and approach the interviewees took.

Tim Brown, an SJSU business professor and vice president of survey management for Radford, a consulting firm, was one of the experts who spoke at the event.

He said it was important for students to know what they’re doing when interviewing for a job.

“The importance of this event is to provide a vehicle for business students to discover how vitally important it is for them to communicate professionally and present themselves in a manner that shows that they are well qualified for employment,” Brown said in an email. “Namely, you get that one chance to make a first impression.”

Angeline Dao, president of the marketing association, said that the interview demonstration helps students for future interviews.

“The panel helps students on how to handle situations in interviews,” Dao said. “This gives the students more insight on what companies and businesses will be looking for in answers.”

The second half of the event was the business fashion show.

Volunteers from the Financial Management Association, Marketing Association and Latino Business Student Association dressed up with appropriate clothing for an interview.

According to Evans, the clothing was donated by Target, Ross and Kohl’s to show that student’s can look acceptable without having to spend a fortune.

The 15 volunteers walked down the runway to show off the clothing that is proper to wear in an interview.

There were also a few volunteers who wore what not to wear for an interview as a counter example.

Chantal Shillingford, the territorial university relations manager for Kohl’s, said this event is a way to educate students on how to dress for a job interview.

“Students need to know how to look professional,” she said. “While there are several fashion trends, they need to have an appearance that is proper in society.”

Brown said communication and appearance during an interview is important for a first impression.

“If you do not communicate effectively in a resume, you will not get an interview,” he said. “If your dress and communications do not present you as the very best person possible for employment, you will not get a job.”



Partners with the Career Center provided business attire for a demonstration to SJSU students Wednesday afternoon in the Student Union Ballroom. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

While the event had serious meanings, Evans said it was also held to create a fun atmosphere.

“The fashion show is there for enjoyment of students,” he said. “I wanted to make sure there wouldn’t be a dull moment for the demonstration of business fashion and interviews.”

Brown hopes that students are better prepared for the real world with this event.

“This session (provides) students with critical insight,” Brown stated in an email. “Our aim is to set students up for success in an increasingly challenging labor market.”

DEBATE: Two states vote Tuesday in GOP race

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facts.” He said that he didn’t favor bailing out any Wall Street bank, but the issue was avoiding the loss of “all our banks.”

As for opposing auto bailouts, he said the better answer was a “managed bankruptcy” that would have saved U.S. firms from costly auto-union costs that the bailouts didn’t end.

Romney attacked Santorum for backing former Sen. Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania moderate, in his Republican primary battle with conservative Pat Toomey in 2004. Specter won. Then in April 2009 he became a Democrat-and a decisive vote in the party’s successful effort to approve the 2010 health care law that most Republicans abhor.

Without Specter, Romney said, “We would not have had Obamacare.”

Romney criticized Santo-



GOP presidential candidate Rick Santorum speaks during the 2012 Lincoln Day Dinner held at Quaker Station on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, in Akron, Ohio. Photo courtesy of Ed Suba Jr. / MCT

rum’s record in Congress, saying he had voted to raise the debt ceiling five times without demanding spending cuts in return and watching as federal spending grew by 80 percent.

Santorum said that federal spending actually shrank during his time in Congress when measured as a share of the overall economy. He also said that he had a more conservative voting record on budget issues than 50 other Republican senators.

“I was the most fiscally conservative senator in the years I was there,” Santorum said.

“That’s a cop-out, ranking yourself against other members

of Congress,” said Paul. “The American people are sick and tired of Congress.”

Contraception also sparked tense debate. Santorum says that he’s “not a believer” in birth control. He defended that view passionately Wednesday, insisting that family and religious values need to be re-emphasized. Too many children are born into single-parent families, a sure path to poverty, he said.

There was general agreement on foreign policy — except for Paul.

Santorum said Syria was an Iranian “puppet state” and implied that regime change was needed.

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New law could prohibit food trucks near schools

by Samantha Clark
Staff Writer

Assembly member Bill Monning has introduced legislation that would outlaw mobile food vendors from operating near public schools to promote student health and encourage students to eat at the school cafeteria.

On Feb. 14, Monning presented AB 1678, which sparked concern in the Bay Area food truck community because if the legislation is passed, it could be a potential threat to business.

Food Trucks, such as MoGo BBQ, Treatbot and Hapa SF, posted links on their Facebook pages to Monning’s Bill and urged customers to take action.

The bill states mobile vendors may not operate between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., 1,500 feet from any public elementary and secondary school when schools are in session.

“The heart of the bill is good, but it’s going to have huge unintentional consequences.”

-Ryan Sebastian, founder of Moveable Feast

“The heart of the bill is good, but it’s going to have huge unintentional consequences,” said Ryan Sebastian, founder of Moveable Feast, a group that organizes food truck gatherings in San Jose and San Mateo.

He said that the ban would greatly affect dense cities, such as San Francisco or San Jose, where it would cover a large percentage of space and that this kind of “blanket legislation” is not good and should be dealt with at a local level.

Ken Yeager, Santa Clara County supervisor, said he disagrees because enacting the law statewide would be more effective than having individual cities implement their own ordinance.

“If it was done at the local level, each city would have to pass its own law, and it would take a long time,” he said.

Yeager, who also periodically teaches for SJSU’s political science department, said the law is a great idea.

“We have to take children’s health seriously, and I know in schools they are trying to do so much to provide nutritious meals, so having these food trucks parked in front of the schools is very counter productive to what we’re trying to achieve as a society,” he said.

Marjorie Freedman, assistant professor of nutrition, said the bill is just one of many steps in combating childhood obesity.

She went on to say that the state has invested a lot of resources in its school nutrition programs, but a key problem is “laziness” and the mobile carts that park outside schools with sugary sodas and chips — not necessarily the gourmet food trucks.

Tia Shimada, nutrition policy advocate for California Food Policy Advocates, said the bill is not targeted specifically at food trucks.

According to Shimada, California Food Policy Advo-



Whitney High School in Cerritos, California, hosts a food truck fundraising event to raise money for a new multi-media room on October 17, 2011. If AB 1678 passes, mobile food vendors operating near public schools would be prohibited. Photo courtesy of Lawrence K. Ho / MCT

cates, a state-wide nonprofit group focusing “on state, local nutrition policy” and improving the “access to nutritious and affordable food for low-income Californians,” sponsors the bill.

“If (the bill) can be crafted in a way that doesn’t impede on mobile vending, but still promotes healthy eating, that’s our goal,” Shimada said. “We recognize that mobile vending can be a source of nutritious foods ... Unfortunately, that’s not the type of vending we’ve been hearing about happening around schools. It’s helpful to make that distinction.”

Frank Leon, a fifth year nutrition major, said he doesn’t think mobile vendors should be “targeting a younger crowd and hustling kids for money.”

Shimada added that the bill was a way to protect the efforts the state has made in improving nutrition in schools

through food programs and healthy food access.

Eric Thai, Chief Executive Officer of KoJa Kitchen, a Korean-Japanese food truck, called AB 1678 “ludicrous.”

The bill states that mobile food vending poses a threat to nutrition and student safety because it encourages students to leave campus.

In an email response, KoJa Kitchen wrote, “We believe this statement to be entirely made up with no conclusive data.”

Joshua Lurie-Terrell, a coordinator for SactoMoFo (mobile food), a Sacramento food truck advocacy group, said he thinks the bill has good intentions and the state has “due diligence to protect its programs,” but added that the bill is the wrong way to do it.

“It doesn’t make the food on campus more healthier and more appealing,” he said.

“I don’t think it’s a right way to address problems with kids eating in school.”

He also said SactoMoFo has taken action to voice the group’s concern regarding the bill.

“We are trying to arrange a conversation with Assemblyman Monning and his staff to go over truck operator concerns, and will hopefully be able to talk to the bill’s authors, a non-profit devoted to school nutrition issues, as well,” Lurie-Terrell said.

He also said they have just started a letter-writing campaign where people can share comments that are “forwarded to the Assemblyman, the author organization and various Assembly committee leadership.”

Shimada said they are open to hearing suggestions from the mobile vending community.



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Universal Crossword

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16 Aptly named citrus fruit	66 Farmer's place, perhaps	24 "McSorley's Bar" painter	52 Something remarkable
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19 Like dimes	68 One year's quintet	27 Quick on the uptake	55 Change the wallpaper
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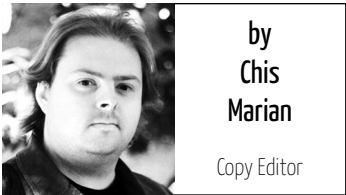
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Nuclear power: An alternative look at US energy policies



Nuclear power has been in the news a lot these days — from the recent cascade failures at the Fukushima I nuclear plant in the wake of the Tohoku earthquake to Iran’s infamously not-so-civil nuclear program.

One bit of nuclear news from the last few weeks that’s probably gone under the radar comes from right here in the U.S.

The federal government has just issued a construction license for a pair of new nuclear reactors at the Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant in Georgia.

It’s the first time the federal government has issued a license for a new reactor since the incident at Three Mile Island back in 1979.

I take a fairly positive view of nuclear power, so one might think I see the news of the new reactors in Georgia as a good thing.

I don’t. I’ve always believed that a robust system of commercial nuclear reactors, used in combination with renewable systems, can be a viable solution to a large chunk of our nation’s energy demands — but it’s not something that should ever be done half-assed.

That’s exactly what the Vogtle plant says about the U.S. nuclear infrastructure: half-assed.

One new reactor project in 30 years — 30 years!

Let me first explain why I like nuclear power by addressing the issues that are often raised against them.

First the big one — environmental impact.

From an engineering standpoint, this has been the most intractable issue with nuclear power and it’s certainly what the granola-munching crowd likes to wail about the most.

Dealing with spent fuel has always been a tricky business, but there are technologies in development for reprocessing the used fuel.

Even in the short term, with the prospect of simply piling the stuff under a mountain in Nevada, I think it’s best to take a more big-picture look at the environmental impact of nuclear power.

Nuclear reactors are zero-emission — that white stuff you see coming out those iconic pot-shaped cooling towers is boiled river-water.

Scary. Given a choice between a toxic bunker in Nevada and the zillions of tons of crap we’ve already poured into our atmosphere over the last half-century alone, I’ll have the bunker, please.

Now for the really scary one — safety.

I’ve always thought that nuclear power is as safe as you have the will to make it.

Before the Tohoku disaster in Japan in 2011, and the subsequent incidents at the Fukushima plant, the best known nuclear disasters in the world were the Chernobyl meltdown and explosion in the Ukraine in 1986, and the 1979 partial meltdown at the

Three Mile Island plant in Pennsylvania.

The Chernobyl disaster was the result of flawed engineering, sloppy management and a tyrannical bureaucracy that cared nothing for safety and had no room for professional oversight.

Contaminated smoke from the burning plant killed dozens, forced the evacuation of nearby communities and spread lesser amounts of contamination across Eastern Europe and Russia.

Rewind to 1979 — cascading mechanical failures at the Three Mile Island plant

in Pennsylvania triggered a partial meltdown in one of the plant’s two cores and the accidental venting of a small amount of radioactive gas into the environment.

Health experts have thus far been unable to verify any negative impact on the surrounding population and ecosystem.

The Three Mile Island plant used a radically different type of reactor than the Chernobyl plant and had a number of common sense safety systems that the Soviet plant lacked — so that even when there were multiple failures, what could have been an ecological disaster instead ended up just being an expensive and embarrassing industrial accident.

So what about Fukushima?

One has to remember that the meltdowns at the Fukushima I plant didn’t happen in isolation.

The plant was struck by a tsunami.

It could be reasonably argued that the plant was poorly sited, that its backup systems were too vulnerable to flooding, and that the Japanese government was unprepared to respond to a nuclear emergency.

I, however, tend to look at the Fukushima incidents as part of the larger narrative of the 2011 Tohoku disaster — about a nation dealing with a peculiarly dangerous geography and an overestimation of its own disaster-preparedness.

In the context of the U.S., I think nuclear power can be made at least as safe and reliable as fossil fuel systems.

Making potential U.S. plants safe and clean is, at its core, an engineering problem, but the final strike against the American nuclear industry and the one that really killed

it back in ’79, is not: public hysteria.

This one factor, more than any other, is responsible for the decrepitude of the U.S. nuclear industry.

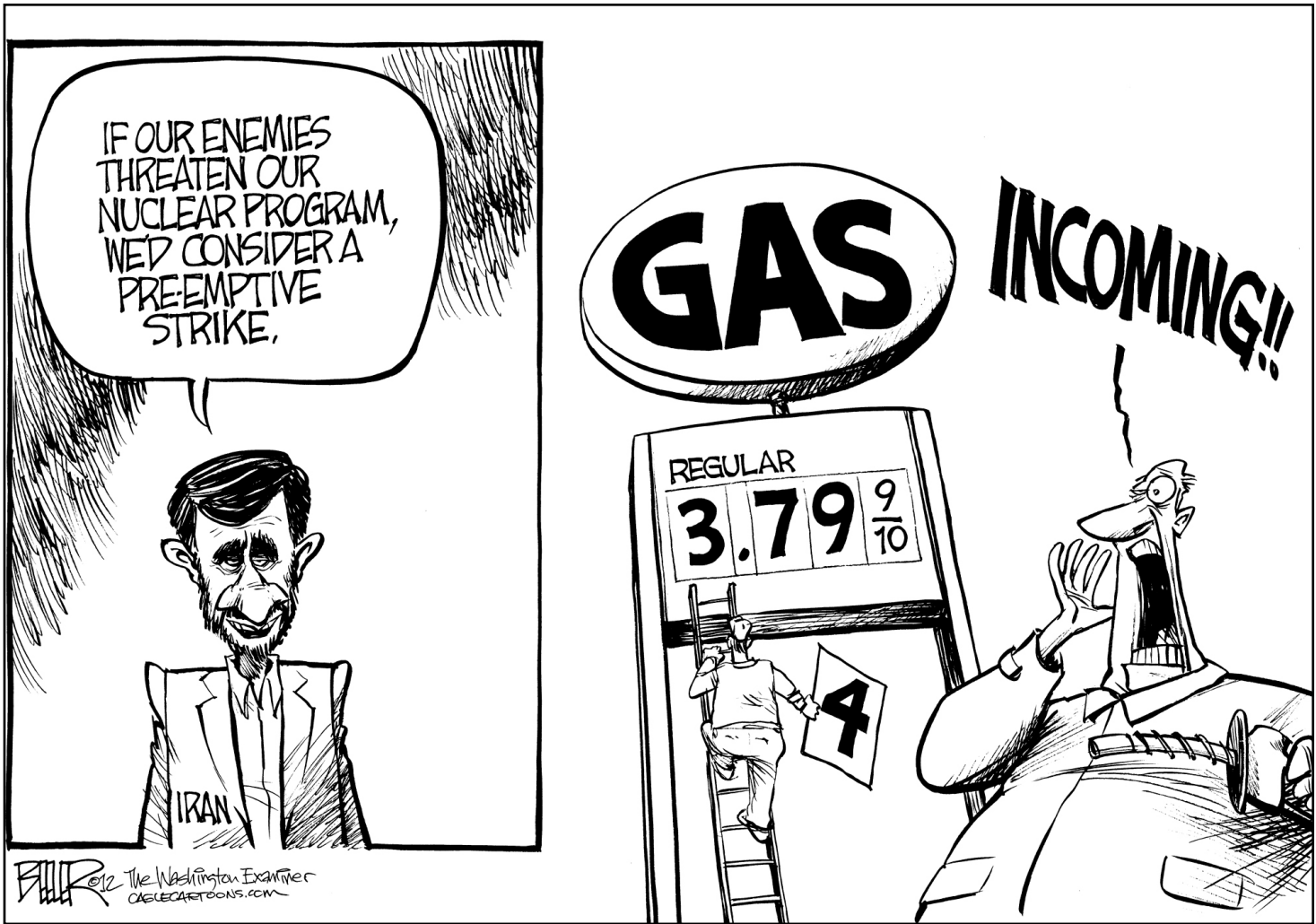
Our nuclear plants are no more safe, clean or efficient than they were 30 years ago, because we haven’t built any since.

Nuclear engineering has evolved in the 30 years since Three Mile Island turned us into a nation of nuclear hysterics — but all that progress is for naught in the face of a public that can’t look the boogeyman in the eye.

It’s the same lack of will that has hampered every other decision this country has had to make about our energy and environmental policies.

Half-assed in — half-assed out.

I hope solar does better — oh, wait, it didn’t.



Chattering and anarchy: King Library needs to step up its control



Like some students from SJSU, I go to the library regularly and just sit down and relax from the campus life on a computer.

In that time frame, I try to work on Spartan Daily assignments, go on ESPN or surf the web hoping for quietness.

As I begin to sit down in my chair and log in to the computer, I can hear a homeless person laughing at a monitor, to the right of him a man on

this cell phone having an argument with his girlfriend about a Facebook comment he was pissed about, and across from him a woman with a crying baby in her arms.

In my head I begin to think to myself, ‘What is wrong with these people, don’t they know they’re in a library?’

I stare at students and wonder if they’re thinking the same thing as me.

Furthermore, I look around the area to see if any security guards or library workers are present so I can bring it to their attention, but find no luck every time.

I come to the library for

peace and quiet, but how can I with all these distractions?

Homeless people are entitled to use the computer, yet it seems like they don’t have the common courtesy to stop talking to themselves out loud.

And why in the world would a woman bring her loud crying baby to the top of the library rather than staying put in the lobby?

Last week, I witnessed a woman talking on her phone for 10 minutes in the library upstairs saying “Hey girl it’s me, what you doing?”

At that moment, I already knew this was going to be a long morning because I had school work that needed to

be done and I couldn’t move because the other computers were already taken.

I sat down and endured the conversation the woman was having, ranging from how she was going to pay her rent to what she was going to eat once she left the library.

Once again, I begin to imagine how many hellish library visits throughout the years at SJSU I will have to endure.

I once tried telling security guards about the situation at hand with the high noise being created from people.

In a nice and assertive manner the security guards told me that they will check it out

and be on the lookout from now on.

Great, I said to them, in hopes of making my future trip to the library a pleasant one.

However, to this day I am still waiting to see either a library employee or security guard make a patrol over the computers, checking for any loud or disruptive people.

What needs to be done is maybe have staff members take charge and kick people out.

A great idea would be to create a system where we could send an anonymous text message to a computer system that informs security what

and where the problem.

In addition, maybe outside security guards could be hired for low pay to help minimize the distractions and noises that take place within the library.

I want more officials or guards patrolling the floors to make sure this doesn’t continue happening.

All I can hope for is that this article reaches a department head or someone who can understand what it’s like in that library I call hell and hope things improve.

I’ll tell you right now I can’t stand going another morning in the library I helped pay for.



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This or that: A battle of two taquerias

Fresh wins at Iguanas

by David Wong
Staff Writer

As a college student, I'm always on the lookout for restaurants that cater to my strict standards of being both palatable and easy on my wallet.

It is fortunate for us then, that at SJSU we have a myriad of eateries relatively close to campus.

A block away from campus, past Boccardo Gate at the western end of the campus, are numerous restaurants on San Carlos and South Third streets, like Hydration and The Kebab Shack, but if you go a little further, you will find Iguanas.

First opened in 1994, Iguanas is a popular lunch, dinner and late night-eatery for both students and city residents looking to quell their hunger pangs.

The taqueria's most notable claim to fame is its "Burritozilla," a five-pound, 18-inch super burrito featured on an episode of the Travel Channel's "Man vs. Food."

Aside from that monstrosity of a burrito, Iguanas offers a diverse menu consisting of: tacos, tortas, quesadillas, nachos, salads and meat and rice plates.

Often in the shadow of the more prominent and more strategically located La Victoria Taqueria, Iguanas carves out a niche as an effective alternative.

Because of the proximity of the two restaurants, several of Iguanas' regular patrons have a strong opinion on the other taqueria.

"Honestly Iguanas is way better than LaVic's. LaVic's is like hot diarrhea," said Joshua Zorn, a senior mechanical engineering major.

Compared to La Victoria Taqueria, Iguanas has more floor space and a higher seating capacity, which encourages you to actually dine on the premises.

On any given night, there is less of a wait in line at Iguanas and it doesn't feel like you are treading through someone's cramped living room like it is at La Victoria Taqueria.

Other customers have their own preferences for Iguanas. "Iguanas has definitely fresher ingredients (compared to La Victoria Taqueria)," said Kevin Wick, a senior entrepreneurship major.

The atmospheres between the restaurants are contrasting as well.

La Victoria Taqueria has an overly frenetic atmosphere that sours the dining experience, while at Iguanas the atmosphere is calmer and more laid back. You can take your time in eating your meal.

Brian Orlando, a senior management information systems major said he usually goes to Iguanas once a week on a weeknight to get a super burrito.



The regular carne asade taco, which can be served with cilantro, onions, beans and fresh salsa costs \$2.50. This taco is offered at Iguanas, located near the intersection of Third and San Carlos streets. Photo by Dorian Silva / Spartan Daily

The quality of ingredients used by the two restaurants differs, according to Orlando.

Orlando said La Victoria Taqueria's ingredients are not fresh and they focus on quantity over quality. He also said that Iguanas' orange sauce is better.

I got the salsa dog (\$1.25) and jack cheese and tomato corn quesadilla (\$1.25) as the least expensive items.

The salsa dog was literally a sausage wrapped in a tortilla and was unremarkable flavor-wise.

The quesadilla, on the other hand, was surprisingly good — the jack cheese and tomato are fresh and retain their flavors to the very end, judging by the faint sweetness of the chopped tomatoes.

I then moved onto the mid-range dishes, the al pastor super taco (\$3.00) was juicy, as the pork tore apart easily.

The cheese enchiladas (\$4.00) were the worst tasting item that I ate — it's indistinguishable from your average microwaveable enchilada from the super market.

The torta (\$6.25) is my personal favorite from Iguanas and it tasted like the freshest item on the menu.

The sauce, a mixture of mayonnaise, guacamole and sour cream, brings out the richness of the roasted chicken and bread roll, which gives it a rustic feel, like it came straight from the countryside.

A super burrito (\$6.25) packed with carne asada is the most ordered item on the menu.

The orange sauce offered by the restaurant complements the charred beef and the rice and the black beans provide a foundation for the salsa, guacamole, cheese and sour cream to converge in your mouth.

Nacho fries (\$6.75) with chipotle chicken are one of the quintessential Tex-Mex dishes, but the Iguanas version was not the best.

Drenched in cheese, it was generously covered in sour cream and guacamole.

The aftertaste of guacamole balanced out the dish that was blancketed with an aromatic layer of cheese.

Using thicker-cut fries would make eating this dish more feasible when you scoop up the spread.

The only concessions I give to La Victoria Taqueria is that it is open for 21-hours-a-day and it serves traditional Mexican aguas frescas, while Iguanas only offers soda fountain drinks.

Iguanas is open from 11 a.m. to midnight on Mondays through Wednesdays and operates from 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays. The restaurant is closed on Sundays.

The food may not be fancy, but the ingredients are fresh and the prices are easy on the wallet.

Iguanas is definitely the place you want to go to satisfy your hunger without fanfare.

LaVic's fits authentic SoCal flavor

by Julie Tran
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Living in southern California for all of my life, I've been exposed to a variety of Mexican food, ranging from mariscos (seafood) to tacos filled with various offal meats.

Before I transferred to SJSU, I was really adamant about finding my favorite Mexican meals done right, since I've been spoiled by the delicious restaurants and loncheras (taco trucks) that graced the Southland.

However, I was pleasantly surprised to find out that a little shop called La Victoria Taqueria offered the same goodness that was served in Mexican restaurants all over SoCal.

Situated right on 140 E. San Carlos Street, La Victoria Taqueria, or "LaVic's" to the locals, is a hop, skip and jump away from the SJSU campus, which is perfect for a quick meal on the run.

I was in the mood for some lengua (beef tongue) and LaVic's does a very solid rendition of the meat.

For those who aren't familiar with lengua, it's basically beef tongue simmered-

with garlic, onions and other spices until it's tender.

I wasn't feeling too hungry at the time so I ordered one super corn quesadilla with lengua (\$2.50) and a medium-sized cup of the horchata, a sweet cinnamon-and-rice drink (\$1.95).

The super corn quesadilla contained a small corn tortilla graced with the aforementioned lengua, guacamole, sour cream, fresh salsa and melted cheese.

LaVic's version of lengua has a bit of the simmering liquid, which made the quesadilla a bit soggy but not too bad to say the least.

The combination of the cheese, the meat and all of the toppings provided a taste sensation that took me back to the loncheras back home.

In addition to my order, I received a complimentary bottle of the famous orange sauce as well as the green sauce to go with my quesadilla.

"LaVic's wins people over with the orange sauce," Matt Palmeri, a senior criminal justice major, said.

Fans of LaVic's swear by the orange sauce as being the perfect compliment to the food, but I beg to differ.

While the orange sauce had a garlicky note that was great,

I felt as if the deliberate bite of chili pepper overwhelmed the food and masked the true flavors.

The green sauce on the other hand was a lot better since it wasn't overpowering and, sorry to say, it beats the orange sauce hands down.

I liked the green sauce for its slow burn as well as the fresher notes of the peppers used to create the sauce.

I visited LaVic's again and I wanted to try something different from the menu that I haven't had in a while.

After minutes of deliberation, I settled on an order of the super chile relleno burrito (\$6.45).

A chile relleno is a stuffed pepper filled with a mild cheese, bathed in an egg batter and deep-fried to golden perfection.

The burrito was stuffed with the same ingredients in the super quesadilla in addition to pinto beans.

It's best to eat the super chile relleno burrito when it's hot because once bitten, a string of oozing cheese comes out from the stuffed-and-fried peppers that create a delightful treat to the taste buds.

The burrito would be the perfect meal to end a long night of studying or the potential cure to a hangover.

I know there's another burrito place just a few steps away from LaVic's called Iguanas and while I think that their food is decent, it doesn't have much of a flavor punch compared to the other store.

Francis Santoyo, a sophomore psychology major, recommended one of her favorite items on Iguana's menu.

"I love the carne asada fries," Santoyo said.

Speaking as a SoCal native, I think LaVic's offers up one of the more authentic Mexican fares for hungry students.



The super quesadilla with lengua (beef tongue) is served with salsa, guacamole and sour cream. Photo by Dorian Silva / Spartan Daily

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